

REMARKS

Claims 2-12 are pending in this application after this amendment. Claims 2 and 7 are independent. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

By this amendment, Applicant has amended the claims to more appropriately recite the claimed invention. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

By this amendment, Applicant has amended independent claim 12 to remove the previously amended elements of claim 1 and add its dependency on claim 2. As claim 2 was indicated by the Examiner as including allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 12 is allowable based on its dependency on allowable claim 2.

As indicated in the Amendment filed January 22, 2009, claims 2 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form to include the elements of the base claim. Thus claims 2 and 7, including their respective dependent claims, are in proper condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests this application pass to issue.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisin Reg. No. 52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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